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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 1607

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SUBJ: MPLA MOVES TO REIGN IN ITS VIGILANTES

1. FAPLA (MILITARY ARM OF MPLA) HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 19 LUANDA PRESS, THAT HENCEFORTH NO ACTIONS ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY ANY OF ITS SOLDIERS WITHOUT A WRITTEN ORDER SIGNED BY THE APPROPRIATE FAPLA AUTHORITY; AND THAT MPLA PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS ARE NOT BOUND TO ABIDE BY ANY ORDER GIVEN BY FAPLA TROOPS WHICH IS NOT IN WRITING AND PROPERLY SIGNED, BUT SHOULD, IF FORCED TO OBEY SUCH AN ORDER, FILE A COMPLAINT WITH FAPLA AUTHORITIES WHO WILL "SEVERELY PUNISH" THE OFFENDER. FAPLA STATES ITS ACTION HAS BEEN NECESSITATED BY RECENT ACTS OF BANDITRY IN LUANDA AND OTHER CITIES.

2. COMMENT: IN FACT, MPLA VIGILANTE GROUPS HAVE ALSO

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BEEN CAUSING PROBLEMS ON THE STREETS, WHICH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR LEADING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE
INSTRUCTIONS. FURTHER, MPLA CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP, DIVIDED ITSELF,
HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN CONTROLLING ITS MILITARY.
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